A History of Panama and Its Canal in Forty-Three Postage Stamps (and Seven Picture Postcards)

The title reflects the title of two excellent books by Chris West and published by Picador:

A History of Britain in Thirty-Six Postage Stamps, published in 2013 and $11.95 at Amazon.com

A History of America in Thirty-Six Postage Stamps, published in 2014 and $29.89 at Amazon.com

GULF OF
CAMPEACHY
MEXICO
CARIBBEAN SEA
JAMAICA
(BRITISH)
HONDURAS
NICARAGUA
CENTRAL
AMERICA
PACIFIC
ATLANTIC
SOUTH
AMERICA
Tuxpam
Rio Verde
Grand Cayman
Falmouth
Kingston
Cape Gracias a Dios
Truxillo
Cartagena
Panama
Bay of Panama
Mosquito Gulf
Cape Blanco
Pt. Mala

1513 Balboa

1671 Morgan, the pirate

1819 Bolivar founds Gran Columbia

1855 Panama Railroad opens

1881–1903 de Lesseps' attempts

1902 US decides on Panama for its canal

1903 Teddy Roosevelt and independent Panama

1904–1914 Canal construction

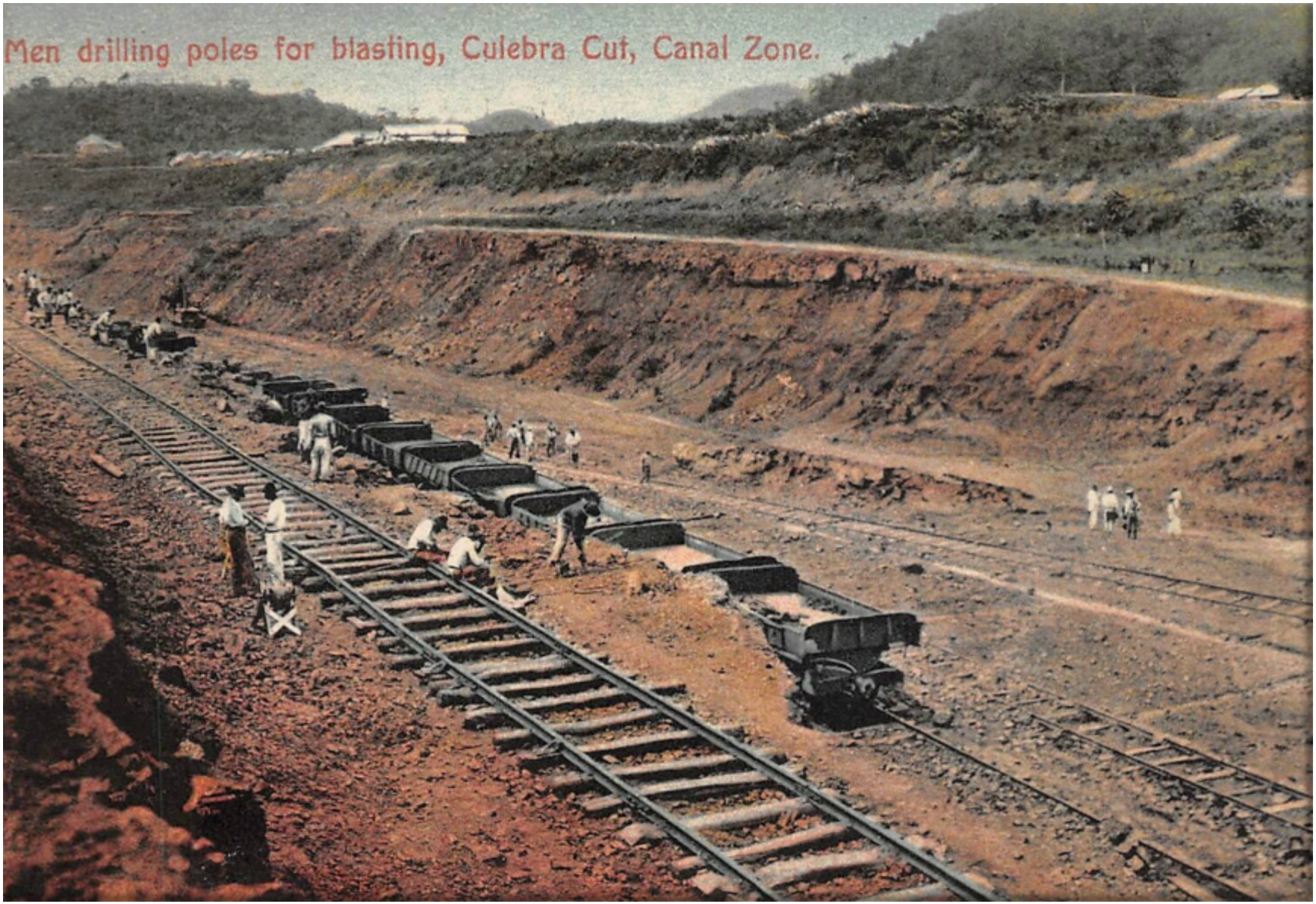
1977 Carter-Torrijos Treaty

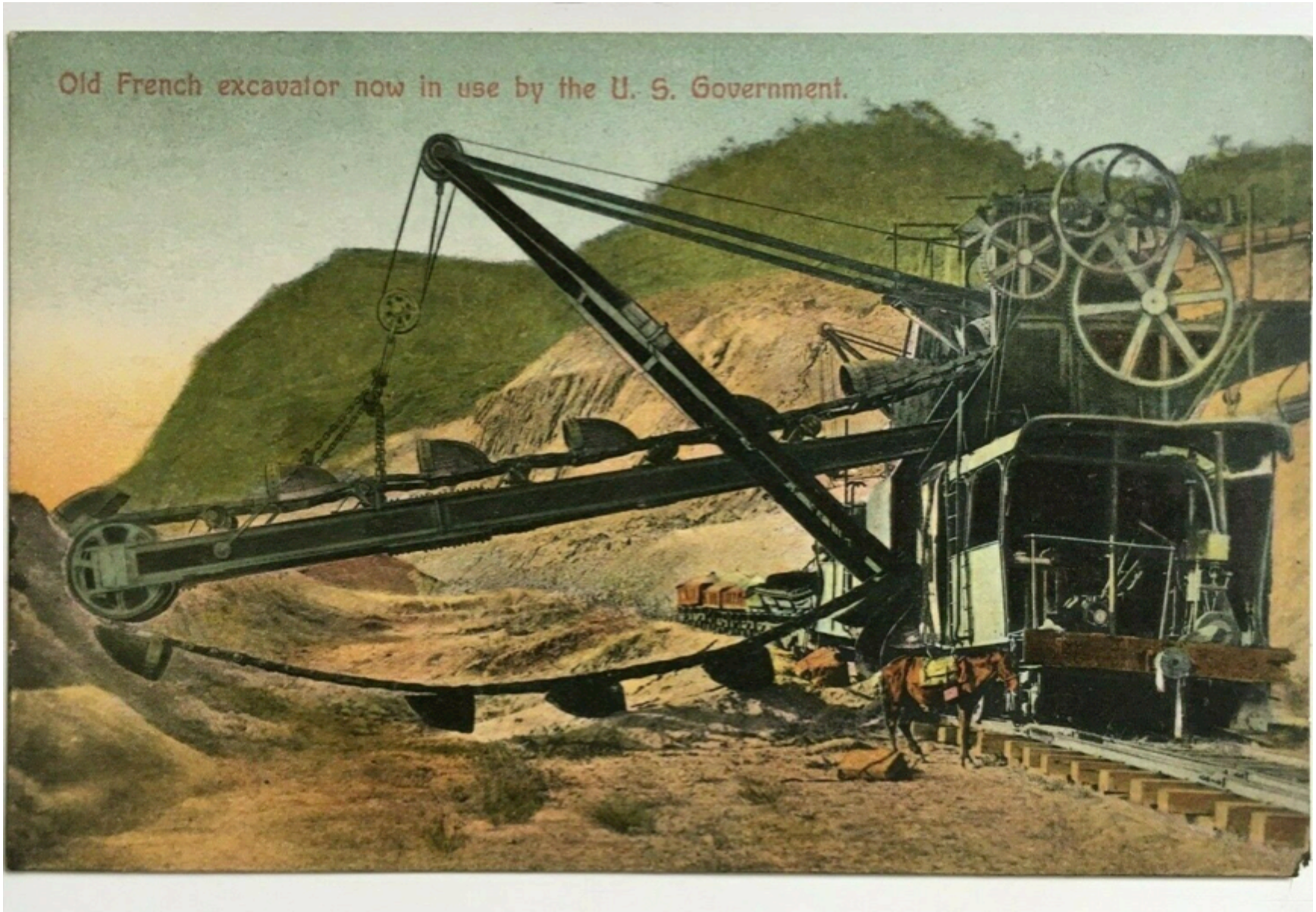
1979 Canal Zone post offices close

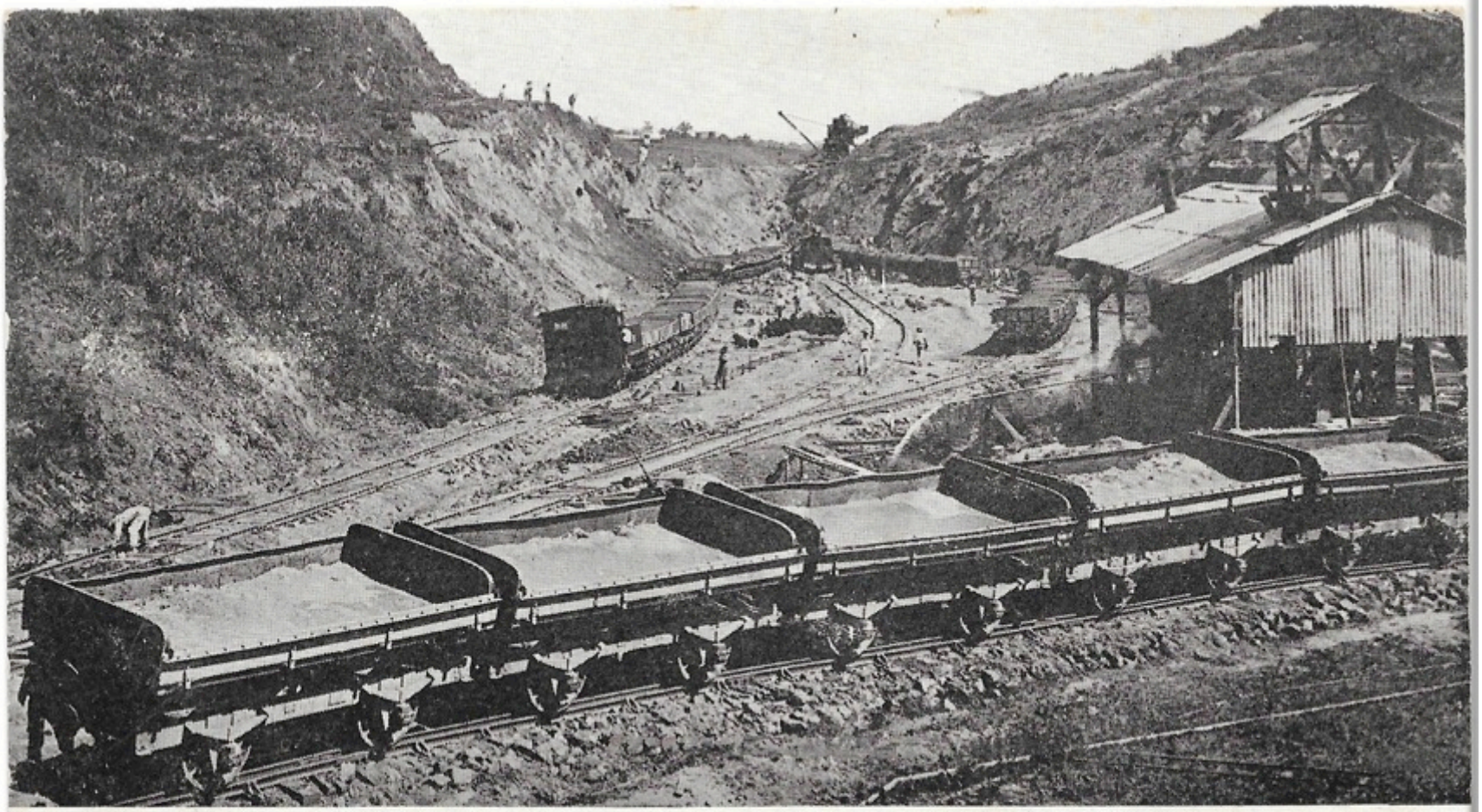
1999 Panama controls the canal

1902: Stamp distributed to persuade US Senate to select Panama route

Use of Railroads


Men drilling poles for blasting, Culebra Cut, Canal Zone.


Old French excavator now in use by the U. S. Government.



A train of dump cars on the Canal--Panama.

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April 17-06.

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Panama

POST CARD
THIS SIDE FOR THE ADDRESS
REPUBLICA DE PANAMA
ANTILLAS
CANAL
ZONE
PACIFICO
1 CENTAVO 1
APR 5 5 PM
APR 5 30 PM
Miss Millie S. Baird
738 George St.
Norristown
Pa: U. S. A.
CRISTOBAL, CANAL ZONE
REC'D
APR
P.M
1906

Elimination of Diseases

DR. WALTER REED
UNITED
STATES
POSTAGE
5¢

REPÚBLICA DE PANAMÁ
CORREOS
HOMENAJE A FINLAY
DR CARLOS J. FINLAY
1949 2 1949
DOS CENTÉSIMOS DE BALBOA
WATERLOW & SONS LTD.
REPÚBLICA DE PANAMÁ
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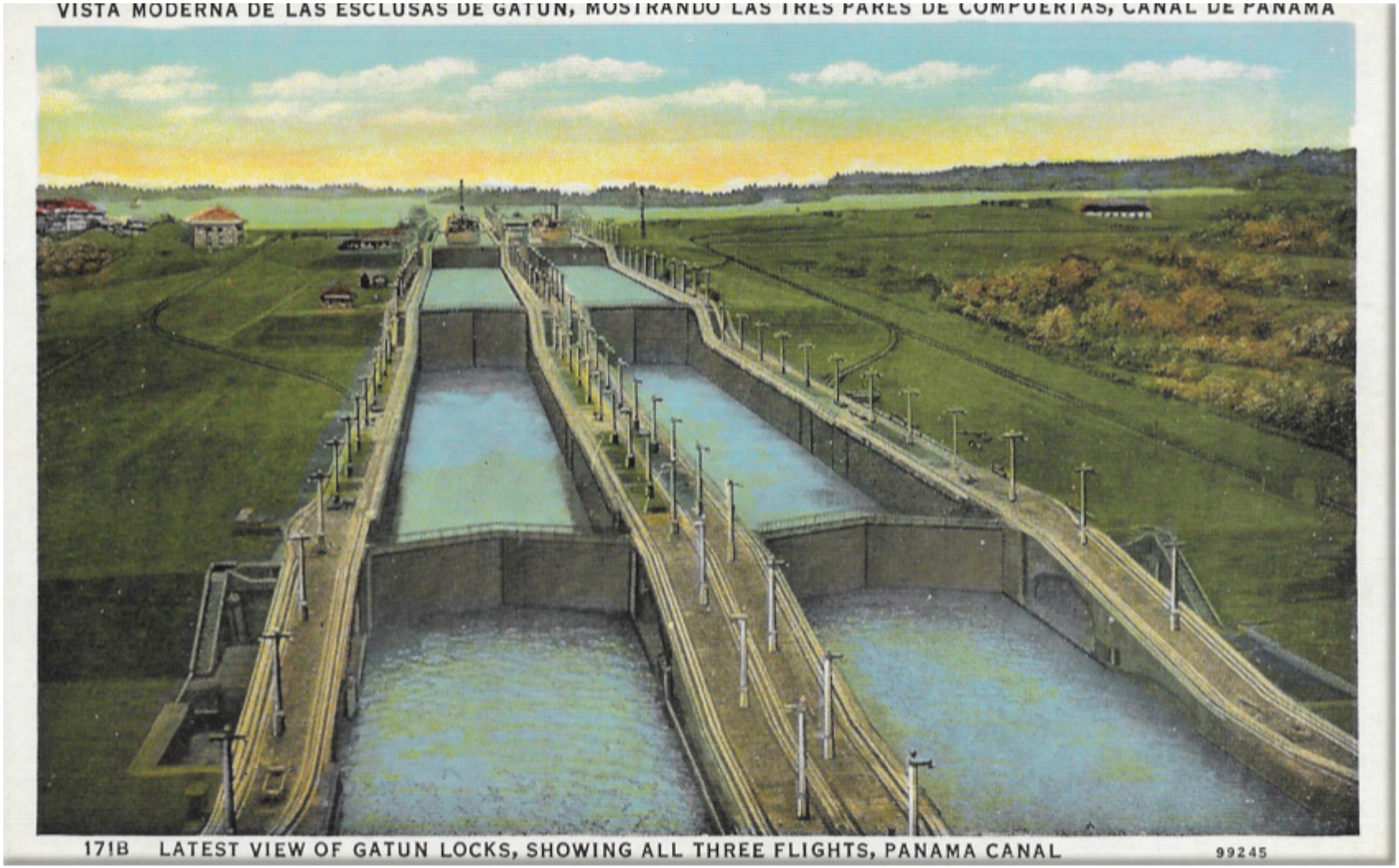
Scale of the Canal


VISTA MODERNA DE LAS ESCLUSAS DE GATUN, MOSTRANDO LAS TRES PARES DE COMPUERTAS, CANAL DE PANAMA
171B LATEST VIEW OF GATUN LOCKS, SHOWING ALL THREE FLIGHTS, PANAMA CANAL
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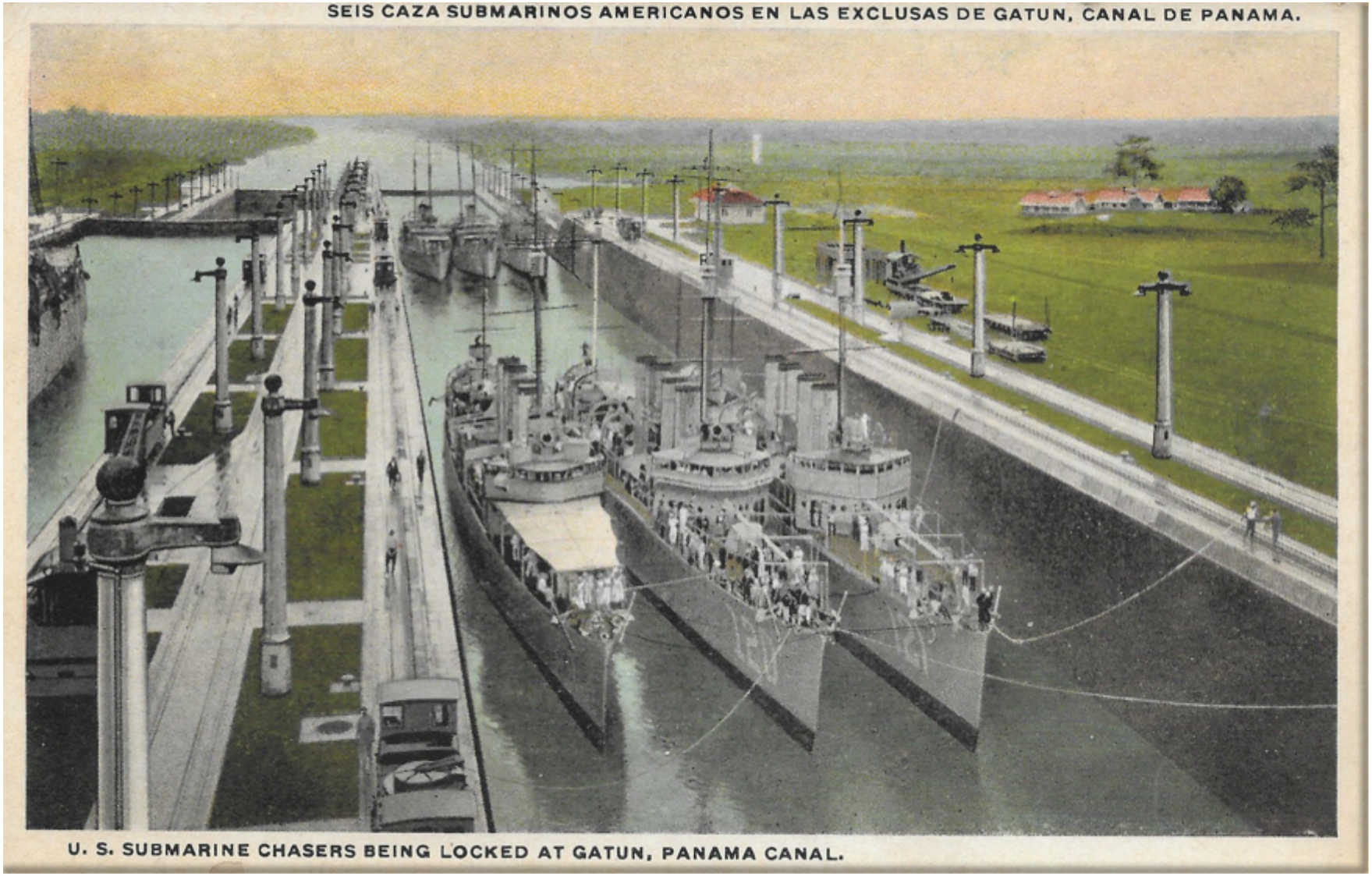
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U. S. SUBMARINE CHASERS BEING LOCKED AT GATUN, PANAMA CANAL.

Five Eras of Postage Stamps in the Canal Zone

First Stamp Era 1904

COLOMBIA
ANTILLAS
COLON
PANAMA
PACIFICO
5
CENTAVOS
PANAMA

COLOMBIA
ANTILLAS
COLON
PANAMA
PACIFICO
5
CENTAVOS

Second Stamp Era 1904

Third Stamp Era 1904–1924

Third Stamp Era 1904–1924 continued

Third Stamp Era 1904–1924 continued

Fourth Stamp Era 1924–1939

Fourth Stamp Era 1924–1939 continued

Fifth Stamp Era 1928–1979

(the Fourth and Fifth Eras overlapped 1928–1939, using issue dates of the stamps)

Fifth Stamp Era 1928–1979 continued

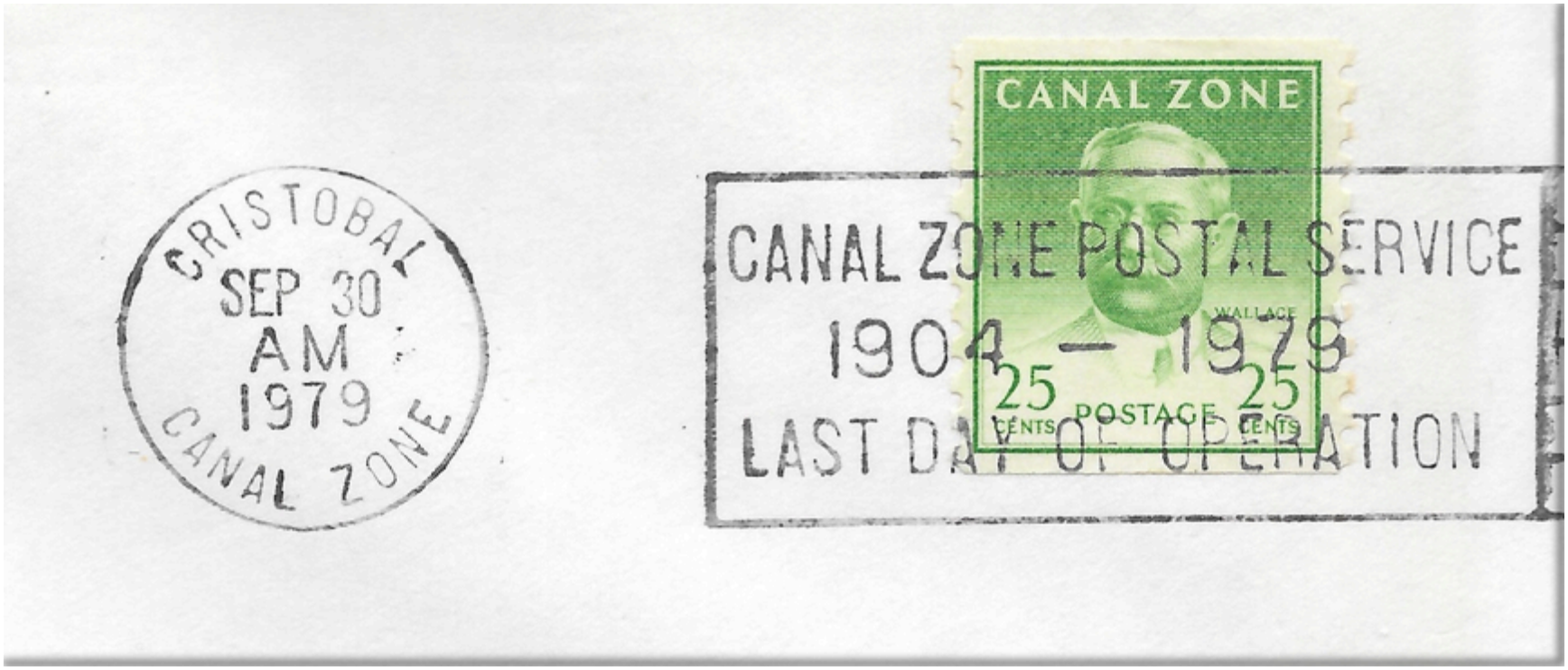
Fifth Stamp Era 1928–1979 continued

CANAL ZONE
3 CENTS POSTAGE
Arriving at Chagres on the Atlantic Side
1849 GOLD RUSH CENTENNIAL 1949
CANAL ZONE
Up the Chagres River to Las Cruces
6 CENTS POSTAGE
1849 GOLD RUSH CENTENNIAL 1949
CANAL ZONE
Las Cruces Trail to Panama
12 CENTS POSTAGE
1849 GOLD RUSH CENTENNIAL 1949
CANAL ZONE
Leaving Panama for San Francisco
18 CENTS POSTAGE
1849 GOLD RUSH CENTENNIAL 1949

Fifth Stamp Era 1928–1979 continued

Fifth Stamp Era 1928–1979 continued

Last Day of US-Run Post Offices



Panama Stamp of 1997 Celebrating the Carter-Torrijos Treaty of 1977

Two Outstanding Sources

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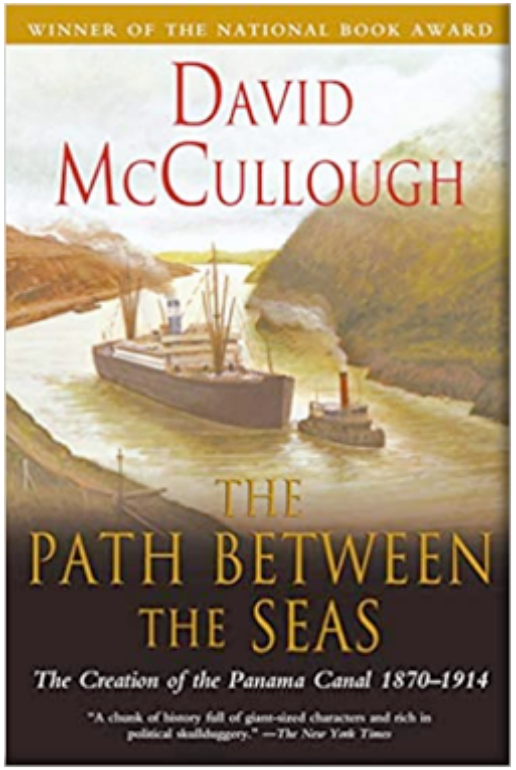
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THE END

U.S.POSTAGE
ROOSEVELT
GOETHALS
3
THREE CENTS
25TH ANNIVERSARY PANAMA CANAL
3